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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: NIE 27.1-54: PROBABLE DEVELOPMENTS IN SPAIN

BACKGROUND



1. This estimate was programmed by the IAC as one of a series of estimates on the major countries of Western Europe. It is the first full and detailed IAC estimate of probable developments in Spain. The production schedule for this estimate was adjusted to conform with the NSC schedule for "NSC Policy toward Spain", tentatively scheduled for the Council on 20 May.

SUBSTANCE

2. The progress of this paper through the estimate machinery was quite smooth. In the meetings with the agency representatives the principal topics on which discussion centered were (a) the type of government most likely to succeed Franco, and (b) the likelihood for stability in Spain following Franco's death or retirement. There was also some discussion concerning the likelihood of Franco's sending troops abroad to participate in actions against local aggressions.

3. Agreement was reached on these points in the course of our meetings, and at present we know of no dissents or significant changes to be brought up at the IAC meeting by participating agencies.

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